THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In case the existing eligibility limit and calculation ceiling are omitted, there would be no limit for payment of bonus and all employees will become eligible for payment of bonus. It would increase the financial burden of the establishments, Central/State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings (both Central and States), autonomous organizations besides private sector. The Central Government is, therefore, not in favour of totally removing/omitting the existing eligibility limit and calculation ceiling.

**Self-employment opportunities**

539. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes of Government to give self-employment opportunities to the unemployed youths;

(b) how many unemployed youths have been provided with self-employment opportunities during the last three years;

(c) whether these opportunities are proportionate to the birth-rate in the country; and

(d) if not, the results to be yielding in the long run?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) To provide self employment opportunities to the educated unemployed youth, Government implements "Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana" (PMRY), under which the educated unemployed youth are provided loans by the Commercial Banks for setting up micro enterprises. Number of cases for which loan was disbursed, under this scheme, in last three years is as under:

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| 2000-2001 | — | 1.85 lakh |
| 2001-2002 | — | 1.76 lakh |
| 2002-2003 | — | 1.36 lakh |

Other self employment schemes like Rural Employment Generation Programme, Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, and Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana benefit persons in all age groups.

(c) and (d) Labour force is estimated on the basis of increase in population in the country. As per the two most recent National Sample Surveys on employment and unemployment, labour force, on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis, increased from 335.97 million in 1993-94 to 363.33 million in 1999-2000. The employment opportunities increased from 315.84 million to 336.75 million during the same period.

**Orissa Development Report**

540. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that "Orissa Development Report" of Planning Commission has shown disturbing features relating to the economy of the State and has urged upon the State to correct their fiscal imbalance;

(b) the other salient features of the report and remedies suggested to boost economy; and

(c) the financial and other assistance given by the Centre to help the State to improve its fiscal position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report has seventeen chapters focusing attention on the growth of different sectors, sections of population and regions along with their problems and constraints.The following critical areas, among others, have been listed in which public policies have a major role to play, namely, agricultural development for rural well-being; infrastructural development; improvement in agro-based and small scale industries; and social sector development to improve the quality of life of the people.